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VIA ECFS

Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, DC 20554

**RE: FCC Form 481 – Carrier Annual Reporting Data Collection Form
WC Docket No. 14-58
Home Telephone Company (SAC 341032)**

Dear Ms. Dortch:

Pursuant to sections 54.313(i) and 54.422(c) of the Commission's Rules and the Commission's *Protective Order*¹ in this proceeding, Home Telephone Company ("the Company") hereby submits a public inspection copy of its "FCC Form 481 – Carrier Annual Reporting Data Collection Form," which will be timely filed with the Universal Service Administrative Company and the appropriate state commission on or before July 1, 2016, and which includes redacted and obscured proprietary and confidential financial information and 5-year service quality improvement plan progress report information.

¹ *In the Matter of Connect America Fund, et al.*, PROTECTIVE ORDER, WC Docket Nos. 10-90 and 14-58, DA 16-296, released March 22, 2016.

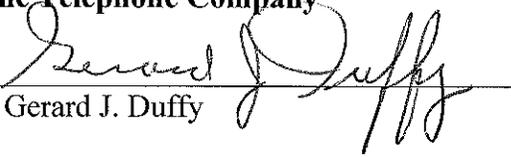
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The Company seeks confidential treatment under the *Protective Order* for the financial information included in its report pursuant to §54.313(f)(2). Confidential treatment of this information is appropriate on the grounds that it is commercially sensitive information that is not normally released to the public.

The Company has submitted a separate letter requesting confidential treatment pursuant to Section 0.459 of the Commission's Rules for proprietary and confidential financial information contained in its progress report regarding its five-year service quality improvement plan.

Respectfully submitted,

Home Telephone Company

By: 
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**RE: Rule Section 0.459 Request for Confidential Treatment
Home Telephone Company (SAC 341032)
WC Docket No. 14-58
FCC Form 481 – Carrier Annual Reporting Data Collection Form**

Dear Ms. Dortch:

Home Telephone Company (“the Company”), by its attorney, hereby requests, pursuant to Section 0.459 of the Commission’s Rules, that the redacted portions of the Company’s “Progress Report for Plan Year 2015” be withheld from public inspection.

In accordance with Section 0.459(b) of the Commission’s Rules, the Company states:

1. The specific information for which confidentiality is sought is comprised of a report stating the capital investments and related maintenance and service provision expenditures that the Company made during Plan Year 2015.
2. This information is submitted in compliance with the requirement in Section 54.313(a)(1) of the Commission’s Rules that recipients of high-cost support submit a progress report on their five-year service quality improvement plans.
3. This information regarding the nature and timing of the Company’s construction and network improvement plans, and its capital expenditures and related operating expenses, is proprietary and confidential commercial and financial information that is routinely withheld from public inspection.

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4. The voice and broadband services for which the 5-year service improvement plans have been prepared are subject to potential competition from competitive local exchange carriers, cable television system operators, electric power utilities, fixed and mobile wireless service providers, and/or satellite carriers. Even where such competition is not active at present, the nature and scheduling of the Company's network upgrades and the size and timing of its related capital and operating expenditures constitute very valuable competitive intelligence for any entity that may be contemplating or planning entry into one or more portions of the Company's service area.

5. Again, whether or not the Company has an active competitor at the present time, there are numerous potential competitors and the nature and scheduling of the Company's network upgrades and the size and timing of its related capital and operating expenditures constitute very valuable competitive intelligence that can greatly assist the planning of any entity that may be contemplating entry into one or more portions of the Company's service area.

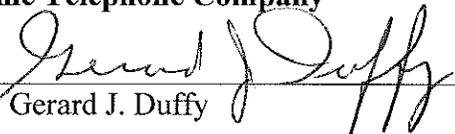
6. The Company limits internal access to its 5-year service improvement plan and progress reports to its key employees and consultants who need the information for planning, reporting and management purposes. The plan and progress reports are not posted on any Company website, or included in any Company press releases, reports or other documents that are available to the general public or to unrestricted portions thereof.

7. The Company does not make its 5-year service improvement plan or progress reports available to the public, and has not previously disclosed its plan or reports to third parties.

8. The Company requests that the individual annual charts included in the plan and the annual progress reports not be available for public disclosure until at least the end of the next full calendar year following the calendar year to which they apply. Competitors and potential competitors should not be able to see the Company's network deployment plans and actual expenditures for a particular year prior to the year, during the year, or during the year following the year (particularly because weather and other factors can cause construction delays). After that period, projects are generally completed, and competitors are able to observe directly or read published reports of what the Company actually did to improve its network and services.

The Company notes that it is also redacting and claiming confidential treatment, pursuant to the Bureau's *Protective Order*, DA 16-296, released March 22, 2016, for the financial information submitted in compliance with the requirements of Section 54.313(f)(2) of the Commission's Rules.

Respectfully submitted,
Home Telephone Company

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Its Attorney

**FCC Form 481 - Carrier Annual Reporting
Data Collection Form**

FCC Form 481
OMB Control No. 3060-0986/OMB Control No. 3060-0819
July 2013

<010> Study Area Code	341032
<015> Study Area Name	HOME TEL CO-ST JACOB
<020> Program Year	2017
<030> Contact Name: Person USAC should contact with questions about this data	Robert Butler
<035> Contact Telephone Number: Number of the person identified in data line <030>	6186442111 ext.
<039> Contact Email Address: Email of the person identified in data line <030>	rbutler@hometel.com
Form Type	54.313 and 54.422

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(100) Service Quality Improvement Reporting
Data Collection Form

FCC Form 481
OMB Control No. 3060-0986/OMB Control No. 3060-0819
July 2013

<010> Study Area Code 341032

<015> Study Area Name HOME TEL CO-ST, JACOB

<020> Program Year 2017

<030> Contact Name - Person USAC should contact regarding this data Robert Butler

<035> Contact Telephone Number - Number of person identified in data line <030> 6186442111 ext.

<039> Contact Email Address - Email Address of person identified in data line <030> rbutler@hometel.com

<110> Has your company received its ETC certification from the FCC?
if your answer to line <110> is yes, do you have an existing §54.202(a) "5
year plan" filed with the FCC? (yes / no) (yes / no)

<111> (yes / no) (yes / no)

If your answer to Line <111> is yes, please file a progress report, on line <112> delineating the status of your company's existing § 54.202(a) "5 year plan" on file with the FCC, as it relates to your provision of voice telephony service.

<112> Attach Five-Year Service Quality Improvement Plan or, in subsequent years, your annual progress report filed pursuant to 47 C.F.R. § 54.313(a)(1). If your company is a CETC which only receives frozen support, your progress report is only required to address voice telephony service.



Name of Attached Document

Please select the appropriate responses below (Yes, No, Not Applicable) to confirm that the attached document(s), on line 112, contains a progress report on its five-year service quality improvement plan pursuant to §54.202(a). The information shall be submitted at the wire center level or census block as appropriate.

<113> Maps detailing progress towards meeting plan targets	Yes
<114> Report how much universal service (USF) support was received	Yes
<115> How much (USF) was used to improve service quality and how support was used to improve service quality	Yes
<116> How much (USF) was used to improve service coverage and how support was used to improve service coverage	Yes
<117> How much (USF) was used to improve service capacity and how support was used to improve service capacity	Yes
<118> Provide an explanation of network improvement targets not met in the prior calendar year.	Yes

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(300) Unfulfilled Service Request
Data Collection Form

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July 2013

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 <015> Study Area Name HOME TEL CO-ST JACOB
 <020> Program Year 2017
 <030> Contact Name - Person USAC should contact regarding this data Robert Butler
 <035> Contact Telephone Number - Number of person identified in data line <030> 6186442111 ext.
 <039> Contact Email Address - Email Address of person identified in data line <030> rbutler@ometel.com

<300> Unfulfilled service request (voice) 0

<310> Detail on attempts (voice)

Name of Attached Document

<320> Unfulfilled service request (broadband)

0

<330> Detail on attempts (broadband)

Name of Attached Document

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(400) Number of Complaints per 1,000 customers Data Collection Form	FCC Form #81 OMB Control No. 3060-0986/OMB Control No. 3060-0819 July 2013
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<010>	Study Area Code	341032	
<015>	Study Area Name	HOME TEL CO-ST JACOB	
<020>	Program Year	2017	
<030>	Contact Name - Person USAC should contact regarding this data	Robert Butler	
<035>	Contact Telephone Number - Number of person identified in data line <030>	6186442111 ext.	
<039>	Contact Email Address - Email Address of person identified in data line <030>	rbutler@hometel.com	
<400>	Select from the drop-down list to indicate how you would like to report voice complaints (zero or greater) for voice telephony service in the prior calendar year for each service area in which you are designated an ETC for any facilities you own, operate, lease, or otherwise utilize.	Offered only fixed voice	
<410>	Complaints per 1000 customers for fixed voice	0.0	
<420>	Complaints per 1000 customers for mobile voice		
<430>	Select from the drop-down list to indicate how you would like to report end-user customer complaints (zero or greater) for broadband service in the prior calendar year for each service area in which you are designated an ETC for any facilities you own, operate, lease, or otherwise utilize.	Offered only fixed broadband	
<440>	Complaints per 1000 customers for fixed broadband	0.0	
<450>	Complaints per 1000 customers for mobile broadband		

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(500) Compliance With Service Quality Standards and Consumer Protection Rules		FCC Form 481
Data Collection Form		OMB Control No. 3060-0986/OMB Control No. 3060-0819
		July 2013
<010>	Study Area Code	341032
<015>	Study Area Name	HOMB TEL CO-6T JACOBI
<020>	Program Year	2017
<030>	Contact Name - Person USAC should contact regarding this data	Robert Butler
<035>	Contact Telephone Number - Number of person identified in data line <030>	6186442111 ext.
<039>	Contact Email Address - Email Address of person identified in data line <030>	rbutler@hometel.com
<500>	Certify compliance with applicable service quality standards and consumer protection rules	Yes
<510>	Descriptive document for Service Quality Standards & Consumer Protection Rules Compliance	34103211510.pdf

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<010>	Study Area Code	341032
<015>	Study Area Name	HOPE TEL CO-ST JACOB
<020>	Program Year	2017
<030>	Contact Name - Person USAC should contact regarding this data	Robert Butler
<035>	Contact Telephone Number - Number of person identified in data line <030>	618442171 ext.
<039>	Contact Email Address - Email Address of person identified in data line <030>	rbutler@ncnetel.com
<600>	Certify compliance regarding ability to function in emergency situations	Yes
<610>	Descriptive document for Functionality in Emergency Situations	34103211610.pdf

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(1000) Voice and Broadband Service Rate Comparability Data Collection Form

FCG Form 481
OMB Control No. 3060-0986 / OMB Control No. 3060-0819
July 2013

<010> Study Area Code 341032
 <015> Study Area Name HOME TEL CO-ST JACOB
 <020> Program Year 2017
 <030> Contact Name - Person USAC should contact regarding this data Robert Butler
 <035> Contact Telephone Number - Number of person identified in data line <030> 618642111 ext.
 <039> Contact Email Address - Email Address of person identified in data line <030> rbutler@homete1.com

<1000> Voice services rate comparability certification Yes

<1010> Attach detailed description for voice services rate comparability compliance 341032111010.pdf

Name of Attached Document

Yes - Pricing is no more than the most recent applicable benchmark announced by the Wireline Competition Bureau

<1020> Broadband comparability certification

<1030> Attach detailed description for broadband comparability compliance 341032111030.pdf

Name of Attached Document

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(1100) No Terrestrial Backhaul Reporting Data Collection Form

FCC Form 481
OMB Control No. 3060-0986/OMB Control No. 3060-0819
July 2013

<010> Study Area Code 341032

<015> Study Area Name HOME TEL CO-ST JACOB

<020> Program Year 2017

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<035> Contact Telephone Number - Number of person identified in data line <030> 6186442111 ext.

<039> Contact Email Address - Email Address of person identified in data line <030> rbutler@home1.com

<1100> Certify whether terrestrial backhaul options exist (Y/N)

Yes

<1130> Please select the appropriate response (Yes, No, Not Applicable) to confirm the reporting carrier offers broadband service of at least 1 Mbps downstream and 256 kbps upstream within the supported area pursuant to § 54.313(g).

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**(1200) Terms and Condition for Lifeline Customers
Lifeline
Data Collection Form**

FCC Form 481
OMB Control No: 3060-0986/OMB Control No: 3060-0819
July 2013

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 <015> Study Area Name HOME TEL CO-ST JACOB
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 <035> Contact Telephone Number - Number of person identified in data line <030> 6186442111 ext.
 <039> Contact Email Address - Email Address of person identified in data line <030> rbutler@hometel.com

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Name of Attached Document

<1210> Terms & Conditions of Voice Telephony Lifeline Plans

<1220> Link to Public Website HTTP

"Please check these boxes below to confirm that the attached document(s), on line 1210, or the website listed, on line 1220, contains the required information pursuant to § 54.422(a)(2) annual reporting for ETCs receiving low-income support, carriers must annually report:

- <1221> Information describing the terms and conditions of any voice telephony service plans offered to Lifeline subscribers,
- <1222> Details on the number of minutes provided as part of the plan,
- <1223> Additional charges for toll calls, and rates for each such plan.

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FCC Form 481
OMB Control No. 3060-0985/OMB Control No. 3060-0819
July 2013

(2009) Price Cap Carrier Additional Documentation
Data Collection Form
(Including Rate-of-Return Carriers Affiliated with Price-Cap Local Exchange Carriers)

<010> Study Area Code 341032
 <015> Study Area Name HOME TEL CO-ST JACOB
 <020> Program Year 2017
 <030> Contact Name - Person USAC should contact regarding this data Robert Butler
 <035> Contact Telephone Number - Number of person identified in data line <030> 5186942111 ext.
 <039> Contact Email Address - Email Address of person identified in data line <030> rbutl@earthlink.net

Select the appropriate responses below (Yes, No, Not Applicable) to note compliance as a recipient of Incremental High Cost support, High Cost support to offset access charge reductions, and Connect America Phase II support as set forth in 47 CFR § 54.313(b),(c),(d),(e). The information reported on this form and in the documents attached below is accurate.

Year	Question	Response	Document Listing
<2010>	Incremental Connect America Phase I reporting		
	2nd Year Certification 47 CFR § 54.313(b)(1)(i) - Note that for the July 1 2016 certification, this applies to Round 2 recipients of Incremental Support		
<2011>	3rd Year Certification 47 CFR § 54.313(b)(1)(ii) - Note that for the July 1 2016 certification, this applies to Round 1 recipients of Incremental Support		
	Recipient certifies, representing year two after filing a notice of acceptance of funding pursuant to 54.312(c), that the locations in question are not receiving support under the Broadband Initiatives Program or the Broadband Technology Opportunities Program for projects that will provide broadband with speeds of at least 4 Mbps/1Mbps - 54.313(b)(2)(i). Round 2 recipients only.		
<2023>	The attachment on line 2024 includes a statement of the total amount of capital funding expended in the previous year in meeting Connect America Phase I deployment obligations, accompanied by a list of census blocks indicating where funding was spent. This covers year two - 54.313(b)(2)(ii). Round 2 recipients only.		
	Round 2 Recipient of Incremental Support?		
<2024A>	Attach list of census blocks indicating where funding was spent in year two - 54.313(b)(2)(ii). Round 2 recipients only.		Name of Attached Document Listing Required Information
<2025A>	Round 1 or Round 2 Recipient of Incremental Support?		
<2025B>	Attach geocoded information for Phase I milestone reports (Round 1 for year three and Round 2 for year two) - Connect America Fund, WC Docket 10-90, Report and Order, FCC 13-		Name of Attached Document Listing Required Information
<2015>	2016 and future Frozen Support Certification 47 CFR § 54.313(c)(4)		

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(2000) Price Cap Carrier Additional Documentation (Continued)
 Data Collection Form
 Including Rate-of-Return Carriers Affiliated with Price Cap Local Exchange Carriers
 FCC Form 487
 OMB Control No. 3060-0986 / OMB Control No. 3060-0819
 July 2013

Price Cap Carrier Connect America ICC Support {47 CFR § 54.313(d)}

<2016> Certification support used to build broadband

Connect America Phase II Reporting {47 CFR § 54.313(e)}

<2017A> Connect America Fund Phase II recipient?

<2017B> Attach information for Phase II - 54.313(e)(1) - list of geocoded locations already meeting the 54.309 public interest obligations at the end of calendar year 2015 and total amount of Phase II support, if any, the price

cap carrier used for capital expenditures in 2015.

<2018> Attach the number, names, and addresses of community anchor institutions to which the carrier newly began providing access to broadband service in the preceding calendar year - 54.313(e)(2)(ii)

<2019> Recipient certifies that it bid on category one telecommunications and Internet access services in response to all FCC Form 470 postings seeking broadband service that meets the connectivity targets for the schools and libraries universal service support program for eligible schools and libraries located within any area in a census block where the carrier is receiving Phase II model-based support, and that such bids were at rates reasonably comparable to rates charged to eligible schools and libraries in urban areas for comparable offerings - 54.313(e)(2)(v)

<2020> Recipient certifies that it offered broadband meeting the requisite public interest obligations specified in §54.309 to 40% of its supported locations in the state on December 31, 2017 - 54.313(e)(3)

<2021> Recipient certifies that it offered broadband meeting the requisite public interest obligations specified in §54.309 to 60% of its supported locations in the state on December 31, 2018 - 54.313(e)(4)

<2026> Recipient certifies that it offered broadband meeting the requisite public interest obligations specified in §54.309 to 80% of its supported locations in the state on December 31, 2019 - 54.313(e)(5)

<2027> Recipient certifies that it offered broadband meeting the requisite public interest obligations specified in §54.309 to 100% of its supported locations in the state on December 31, 2020 - 54.313(e)(6)

Name of Attached Document Listing
 Required Information

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 <039> Contact Email Address - Email Address of person identified in data line <030> rbutler@hometel.com

Complete the items below to note compliance with five year service quality plan (pursuant to 47 CFR § 54.202(a)) and, for privately held carriers, ensuring compliance with the financial reporting requirements set forth in 47 CFR § 54.313(f)(2). I further certify that the information reported on this form and in the documents attached below is accurate.

(3009) Progress Report on 5 Year Plan
 Carrier certifies to 54.313(f)(1)(III)

(3010A) Milestone Certification {47 CFR § 54.313(f)(1)(i)} Yes - Attach Certification

(3010B) Please Provide Attachment Name of Attached Document Listing Required Information
 341032113010.pdf

(3012A) Community Anchor Institutions {47 CFR § 54.313(f)(1)(iii)} No - No New Community Anchors

(3012B) Please Provide Attachment Name of Attached Document Listing Required Information

(3013) Is your company a Privately Held ROR Carrier (47 CFR § 54.313(f)(2)) Yes No

(3014) If yes, does your company file the RUS annual report (Yes/No) Yes No

Please check these boxes to confirm that the attached PDF, on line 3017, contains the required information pursuant to § 54.313(f)(2) compliance requires:

(3015) Electronic copy of their annual RUS reports (Operating Report for Telecommunications Borrowers)

(3016) Document(s) with Balance Sheet, Income Statement and Statement of Cash Flows

(3017) If the response is yes on line 3014, attach your company's RUS annual report and all required documentation Name of Attached Document Listing Required Information

(3018) If the response is no on line 3014, is your company audited? (Yes/No) Yes No

If the response is yes on line 3018, please check the boxes below to confirm your submission on line 3026 pursuant to § 54.313(f)(2), contains:

(3019) Either a copy of their audited financial statement; or

(3020) (2) a financial report in a format comparable to RUS Operating Report for Telecommunications Borrowers Document(s) for Balance Sheet, Income Statement and Statement of Cash Flows

(3021) Management letter and/or audit opinion issued by the independent certified public accountant that performed the company's financial audit.

If the response is no on line 3018, please check the boxes below to confirm your submission on line 3026 pursuant to § 54.313(f)(2), contains:

(3022) Copy of their financial statement which has been subject to review by an independent certified public accountant; or 2) a financial report in a format comparable to RUS Operating Report for Telecommunications Borrowers

(3023) Underlying information subjected to a review by an independent certified public accountant

(3024) Underlying information subjected to an officer certification.

(3025) Document(s) for Balance Sheet, Income Statement and Statement of Cash Flows

(3026) Attach the worksheet listing required information Name of Attached Document Listing Required Information
 341032113026.pdf

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(3005) Rate Of Return Carrier Additional Documentation (Continued)

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JULY 2013

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<020> Program Year 2017
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<035> Contact Telephone Number - Number of person identified in data line <030> 6186442111 ext.
<039> Contact Email Address - Email Address of person identified in data line <030> rbutler@hometele.com

Financial Data Summary

- (3027) Revenue
- (3028) Operating Expenses
- (3029) Net Income
- (3030) Telephone Plant In Service(TPIS)
- (3031) Total Assets
- (3032) Total Debt
- (3033) Total Equity
- (3034) Dividends

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4005 Rural Broadband Experiment

Authorized Rural Broadband Experiment (RBE) recipients must address the certification for public interest obligations, provide a list of newly served community anchor institutions, and provide a list of locations where broadband has been deployed.

Public Interest Obligations – FCC 14-98 (paragraphs 26-29, 78)

Please address Line 4001 regarding compliance with the Commission's public interest obligations. All RBE participants must provide a response to Line 4001.

4001. Recipient certifies that it is offering broadband to the identified locations meeting the requisite public interest obligations consistent with the category for which they were selected, including broadband speed, latency, usage capacity, and rates that are reasonably comparable to rates for comparable offerings in urban areas?

Community Anchor Institutions – FCC 14-98 (paragraph 79)

4003a. RBE participants must provide the number, names, and addresses of community anchor institutions to which they newly deployed broadband service in the preceding calendar year. On this line, please respond (yes – attach new community anchors, no – no new anchors) to indicate whether this list will be provided.

If yes to 4003A, please provide a response for 4003B.

4003b. Provide the number, names and addresses of community anchor institutions to which the recipient newly began providing access to broadband service in the preceding calendar year. Name of Attached Document Listing Required Information

Broadband Deployment Locations – FCC 14-98 (paragraph 80)

4004a. Attach a list of geocoded locations to which broadband has been deployed as of the June 1st immediately preceding the July 1st filing deadline for the FCC Form 481. Name of Attached Document Listing Required Information

4004b. Attach evidence demonstrating that the recipient is meeting the relevant public service obligations for the identified locations. Materials must at least detail the pricing, offered broadband speed and data usage allowances available in the relevant geographic area. Name of Attached Document Listing Required Information

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TO BE COMPLETED BY THE REPORTING CARRIER, IF THE REPORTING CARRIER IS FILING ANNUAL REPORTING ON ITS OWN BEHALF:

Certification of Officer as to the Accuracy of the Data Reported for the Annual Reporting for CAF or LI Recipients	
I certify that I am an officer of the reporting carrier; my responsibilities include ensuring the accuracy of the annual reporting requirements for universal service support recipients; and, to the best of my knowledge, the information reported on this form and in any attachments is accurate.	
Name of Reporting Carrier:	HOME TEL CO-ST JACOB
Signature of Authorized Officer:	CERTIFIED ONLINE Date 06/20/2016
Printed name of Authorized Officer:	Eric Schmidt
Title or position of Authorized Officer:	President
Telephone number of Authorized Officer:	6186442111 ext.
Study Area Code of Reporting Carrier:	341032 Filing Due Date for this form: 07/01/2016
Persons willfully making false statements on this form can be punished by fine or forfeiture under the Communications Act of 1934, 47 U.S.C. §§ 502, 503(b), or fine or imprisonment under Title 18 of the United States Code, 18 U.S.C. § 1001.	

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Certification - Agent / Carrier	FCC Form 481
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TO BE COMPLETED BY THE REPORTING CARRIER, IF AN AGENT IS FILING ANNUAL REPORTS ON THE CARRIER'S BEHALF:

Certification of Officer to Authorize an Agent to File Annual Reports for CAF or LI Recipients on Behalf of Reporting Carrier	
<p>I certify that (Name of Agent) _____ is authorized to submit the information reported on behalf of the reporting carrier. I also certify that I am an officer of the reporting carrier; my responsibilities include ensuring the accuracy of the annual data reporting requirements provided to the authorized agent; and, to the best of my knowledge, the reports and data provided to the authorized agent is accurate.</p>	
Name of Authorized Agent: _____	
Name of Reporting Carrier: _____	
Signature of Authorized Officer: _____	Date: _____
Printed name of Authorized Officer: _____	
Title or position of Authorized Officer: _____	
Telephone number of Authorized Officer: _____	
Study Area Code of Reporting Carrier: _____	Filing Due Date for this form: _____
<small>Persons willfully making false statements on this form can be punished by fine or forfeiture under the Communications Act of 1934, 47 U.S.C. §§ 502, 503(b), or fine or imprisonment under Title 18 of the United States Code, 18 U.S.C. § 1001.</small>	

TO BE COMPLETED BY THE AUTHORIZED AGENT:

Certification of Agent Authorized to File Annual Reports for CAF or LI Recipients on Behalf of Reporting Carrier	
<p>I, as agent for the reporting carrier, certify that I am authorized to submit the annual reports for universal service support recipients on behalf of the reporting carrier; I have provided the data reported herein based on data provided by the reporting carrier; and, to the best of my knowledge, the information reported herein is accurate.</p>	
Name of Reporting Carrier: _____	
Name of Authorized Agent Firm: _____	
Signature of Authorized Agent or Employee of Agent: _____	Date: _____
Name of Authorized Agent Employee: _____	
Title or position of Authorized Agent or Employee of Agent: _____	
Telephone number of Authorized Agent or Employee of Agent: _____	
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FCC Form 481
Plan Year 2017 Filing
5-Year Service Quality Improvement Plan
Progress Report for Plan Year 2015

Home Telephone Co.
SAC 341032

In compliance with the reporting requirements outlined in Section 54.313 (a) 1 of the Federal Communication Commission ("FCC") rules, the company hereby submits the following progress report for the 5-Year Service Quality Improvement Plan filed on July 1, 2014.

For calendar year 2015 the company received Federal Universal Service Fund support in the amount of approximately \$1,575,403 based on the disbursement schedules currently posted by the Universal Service Administrative Company ("USAC") for the company's 2015 High Cost Loop Support and Interstate Carrier Common Line Support.

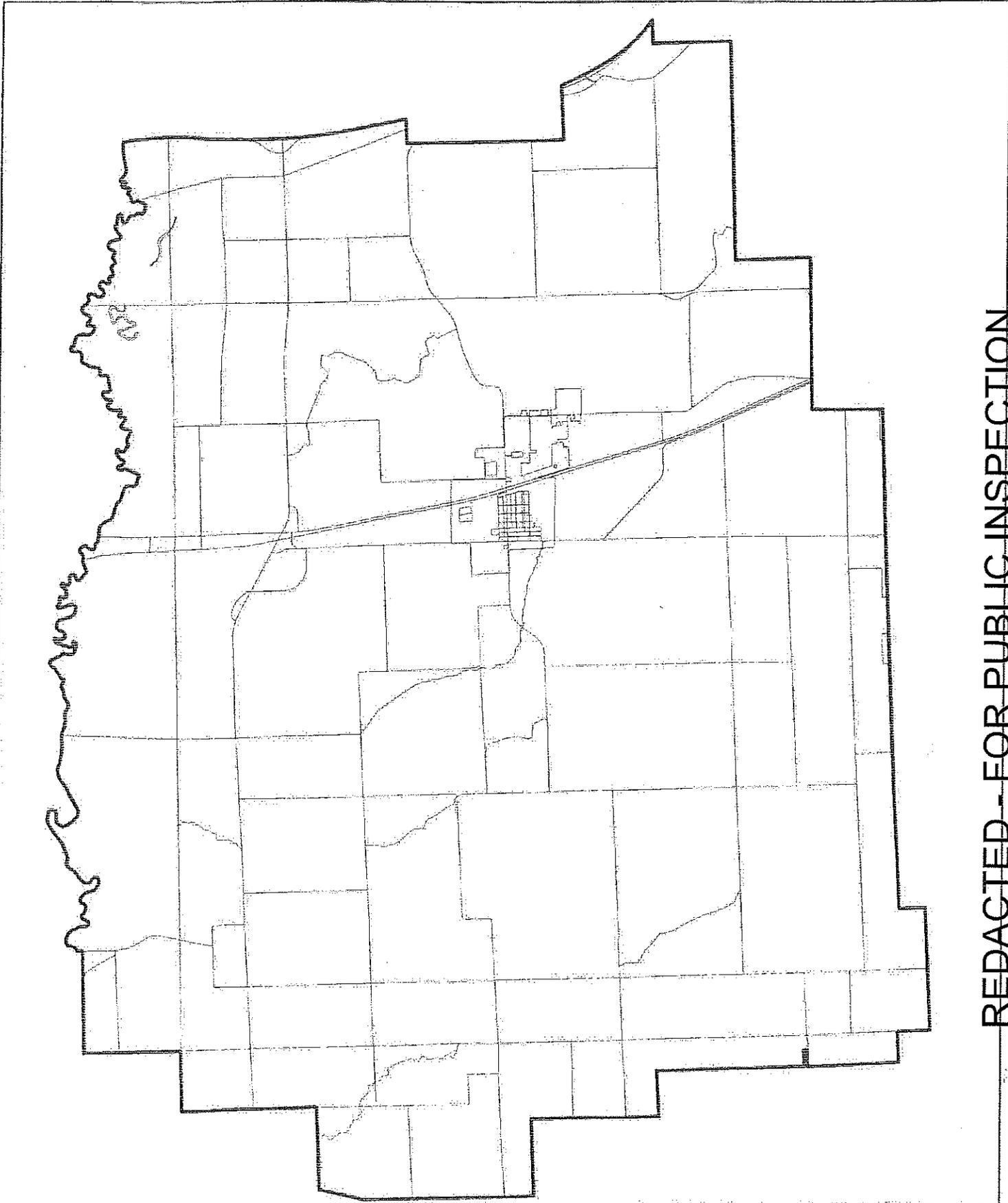
The company utilized these funds for the capital addition investments related to quality service improvement and network capacity improvements in the service area. The company provided an investment forecast with the 5-Year Plan. For year ending December 31, 2015, the company met or exceeded the committed capital improvement expenditures for Plan Year 2015 in the following amounts, for the following plant categories:

The company also provided an expense forecast with the 5-Year Plan. The expense forecast was provided for the maintenance and repair of the network utilized to provide services to the customers for the 2015 Plan Year. For year ending December 31, 2015, the company met or exceeded the originally projected amounts by category for the maintenance, repair and provision of services on the network:

In summary, the company received \$1,575,403 in Federal Universal Service funds, and disbursed

The company is providing the accompanying map of the service area, as required by the reporting rules contained in Section 54.313 (a) 1, of the FCC rules. This map outlines the area covered by the company where services are provided with the utilization of the Federal USF High Cost support funds.

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HOME TELEPHONE COMPANY ST. JACOB, ILLINOIS	
ST. JACOB EXCHANGE FCC 481 2016 PROGRESS REPORT MAP	
SCALE: NOT TO SCALE	DATE: 06-2016

Home Telephone Co. (SAC 341032)
FCC Form 481 – Line 510
Program Year – 2017

Service Quality Standards and Consumer Protection Compliance Explanation Document:

The company is in compliance with all Federal and State service quality standards and consumer protection rules.

The Illinois Commerce Commission has defined standards for service quality in its administrative rule parts 730, 732 and 735 for incumbent local exchange carriers. The company is in compliance with these rules. The company has systems in place for customers with regard to service trouble reporting, billing issues questions and complaints, service offerings information, after hours service problem reporting and other customer issues resolution.

The company reports the results of these quality standards items to the state commission on a quarterly basis through an internet-based reporting system.

The company also complies with all applicable consumer protection rules including the implementation of customer data protection under the Federal Communications Commission's rules for Customer Proprietary Network Information.

Home Telephone Co. (SAC 341032)

FCC Form 481 – Line 610

Program Year – 2017

Emergency Functionality Explanation Document:

The company maintains emergency backup power for the local distribution plant and central office and transmission facilities that keep the company functional in an emergency which deprives the company equipment of commercial electrical power.

The central office facility is powered with commercial electric power and battery banks that continue power to the office and transmission equipment in the event of a power source outage. The central office is equipped with a Diesel powered generator to continue supplying power in the event of a power outage. The company can remain operational in the situation.

The company's customer distribution network transmission equipment, field cabinets & customer pedestal electronics have power backup that will also provide service in the event of a commercial power outage.

The company has additional route capacity to keep emergency service (911 service) available in the event of an emergency situation. The company also has available emergency answering points for emergency personnel in the event of an isolation or emergency situation.

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Voice Services Rate Comparability Report

Pursuant to 47 C.F.R. § 54.313 (a) (10) Home Telephone Co. certifies that it is in compliance with the requirement that voice services is no more than two standard deviations above the national average urban rate for voice service of \$47.48 as specified in Public Notice DA 15-470 issued on April 16, 2015.

Home Telephone Co. current total local end-user rate¹ of \$20.66 (which includes a local fee of \$7.99 and mandated state fees of \$12.67) is not above the standard deviation as specified in the USF/ICC Transformation Order.²

¹ Local End User Rate as defined in USF/ICC Transformation Order 26 FCC Rcd at 17751, Para. 238

² USF/ICC Transformation Order, 26 FCC Rcd at 17694, Para. 84 (footnote included) “The standard deviation is a measure of dispersion. The sample standard deviation is the square root of the sample variance. The sample variance is calculated as the sum of the squared deviations of the individual observations in the sample of data from the sample average divided by the total number of observations in the sample minus one. In a normal distribution, about 68 percent of the observations lie within one standard deviation above and below the average and about 95 percent of the observations lie within two standard deviations above and below the average.”

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FCC Form 481 – Line 1030
Program Year – 2017

Broadband Service Rate Comparability Report

Pursuant to 47 C.F.R. § 54.313 (a) (12) Home Telephone Co. certifies that it is in compliance with the requirement that broadband service rates are no more than the Public Interest level of broadband service as specified in Public Notice DA 15-470 issued on April 16, 2015. This notice provides that the closest available package provided by the company is less than \$77.80 per month, for an unlimited usage internet service package.

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FCC Form 481 – Line 1210
Program Year – 2017

Terms & Conditions of Voice Telephony Lifeline Program

The Lifeline Program is a federally funded program established to provide monthly assistance to low income households. Eligible subscribers may receive a discount of \$9.25 for the monthly Federal subscriber line charge and voice telephony service, or a bundled service that includes voice telephony service.

To qualify for the program, the Lifeline applicant must participate in any of the following assistance programs. The Illinois Department of Human Services may certify the applicant's participation in assistance programs listed below for purposes of determining eligibility.

- Medicaid
- Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program
- Supplemental Security Income (SSI)
- Federal Housing Assistance (Section 8)
- Low Income Home Energy Assistance (LIHEAP)
- National School Lunch Program's free lunch program
- Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF)
- Head Start
- Customer household income is at or below 135% of the National Poverty Guidelines, for a household of that size

The Telephone Company's verification of income eligibility will be through the Department of Human Services or, in lieu of electronic verification, applicants will sign a form certifying that the applicant qualifies under the program criteria, and provide program participation or income documentation to the Company for review and verification of eligibility.

The Lifeline program credit shall be limited to one credit per low income household or economic unit.

Lifeline service shall not be disconnected for non-payment of toll charges.

Qualifying low-income subscribers who voluntarily elect toll blocking, where available, will not be required to pay a service deposit in order to initiate Lifeline Service. This service will only be provided at the customer's request.

Qualifying Lifeline customers will not be charged a monthly number-portability charge.

Basic Residential Local Exchange service is available to all Lifeline qualified customers.

Basic Residential Local Exchange Service offers the customer unlimited local calling, emergency service calling (at no additional charge), access to directory assistance service (additional charge per call), equal access to interexchange toll carrier service (additional charges based on carrier toll plans) and access to operator services.

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June 17, 2016

Ms. Marlene H. Dortch
Office of the Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street SW
Washington, D.C. 20554

Ms. Karen Majcher
Vice President – High Cost Low Income Division
Universal Service Administrative Company
2000 L Street NW, Suite 200
Washington, D.C. 20036

RE: WC Docket No. 10-90; Annual Certification Requirements for High-Cost Recipients §54.313(f)(1)(i).

Pursuant to 47 C.F.R. §54.313(f)(1)(i) of the Federal Communications Commission's rules, the company officer signing below certifies that Home Telephone Co. is taking reasonable steps to provide upon reasonable request broadband service at actual speeds of at least 10 Mbps downstream/1 Mbps upstream, with latency suitable for real-time applications, including Voice over Internet Protocol, and usage capacity that is reasonably comparable to comparable offerings in urban areas as determined in an annual survey, and that requests for such service are met within a reasonable amount of time.

Signature

Eric Schmidt
Printed Name of Company Officer

President
Officer Title

June 17, 2016
Date



SECTION 54.313(f)(2)(iii) OFFICER CERTIFICATION

Pursuant to Section 54.313(f)(2)(iii) of the FCC Rules, I, Eric Schmidt, hereby certify the following under penalty of perjury:

1. I am the President of Home Telephone Co. (the "Carrier"; Study Area Code 341032), and am authorized to make this certification on its behalf.
2. The Carrier was not audited in the ordinary course of business for the preceding fiscal year.
3. The reported data in the accompanying financial statements of the Carrier are accurate.
4. The accompanying financial statements of the Carrier have been subject to review by Marlett & Associates, CPAs Ltd., an independent certified public accountant.

Signature

Eric Schmidt

Printed Name

June 17, 2016

Date

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INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANT'S REVIEW REPORT

To the Board of Directors
Home Telephone Company
St. Jacob, Illinois

We have reviewed the accompanying financial statements of Home Telephone Company, (an Illinois corporation, and wholly-owned subsidiary of Progressive Voice & Data, Inc.), which comprise the balance sheets as of December 31, 2015 and 2014, and the related statements of income and retained earnings and cash flows for the years then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements. A review includes primarily applying analytical procedures to management's financial data and making inquiries of company management. A review is substantially less in scope than an audit, the objective of which is the expression of an opinion regarding the financial statements as a whole. Accordingly, we do not express such an opinion.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America; this includes the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement whether due to fraud or error.

Accountant's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to conduct the review engagements in accordance with Statements on Standards for Accounting and Review Services promulgated by the Accounting and Review Services Committee of the AICPA. Those standards require us to perform procedures to obtain limited assurance as a basis for reporting whether we are aware of any material modifications that should be made to the financial statements for them to be in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. We believe that the results of our procedures provide a reasonable basis for our conclusion.

Accountant's Conclusion

Based on our reviews, we are not aware of any material modifications that should be made to the accompanying financial statements in order for them to be in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Marlett & Associates CPAs, Ltd.

Springfield, Illinois
May 4, 2016

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Filed as subsidiary of reviewed consolidated company <input type="checkbox"/>	Filed as subsidiary of audited consolidated company <input type="checkbox"/>

CERTIFICATION

We hereby certify that the entries in this report are in accordance with the accounts and other records of the system and reflect the status of the system to the best of our knowledge and belief.

Robert Butler
Signature
6/17/16
Date

PART A. BALANCE SHEET					
ASSETS	BALANCE PRIOR YEAR	BALANCE END OF PERIOD	LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY	BALANCE PRIOR YEAR	BALANCE END OF PERIOD
CURRENT ASSETS			CURRENT LIABILITIES		
1. Cash and Equivalents			25. Accounts Payable		
2. Cash-RUS Construction Fund			26. Notes Payable		
3. Affiliates:			27. Advance Billings and Payments		
a. Telecom, Accounts Receivable			28. Customer Deposits		
b. Other Accounts Receivable			29. Current Mat. L/T Debt		
c. Notes Receivable			30. Current Mat. L/T Debt-Rur. Dev.		
4. Non-Affiliates:			31. Current Mat. Capital Leases		
a. Telecom, Accounts Receivable			32. Income Taxes Accrued		
b. Other Accounts Receivable			33. Other Taxes Accrued		
c. Notes Receivable			34. Other Current Liabilities		
5. Interest and Dividends Receivable			35. Total Current Liabilities (25 thru 34)		
6. Material-Regulated			LONG-TERM DEBT		
7. Material-Nonregulated			36. Funded Debt-RUS Notes		
8. Prepayments			37. Funded Debt-RTB Notes		
9. Other Current Assets			38. Funded Debt-FFB Notes		
0. Total Current Assets (1 thru 9)			39. Funded Debt-Other		
NONCURRENT ASSETS			40. Funded Debt-Rural Develop. Loan		
1. Investment in Affiliated Companies			41. Premium (Discount) on L/T Debt		
a. Rural Development			42. Recquired Debt		
b. Nonrural Development			43. Obligations Under Capital Lease		
2. Other Investments			44. Adv. From Affiliated Companies		
a. Rural Development			45. Other Long-Term Debt		
b. Nonrural Development			46. Total Long-Term Debt (36 thru 45)		
3. Nonregulated Investments			OTHER LIAB. & DEF. CREDITS		
4. Other Noncurrent Assets			47. Other Long-Term Liabilities		
5. Deferred Charges			48. Other Deferred Credits		
6. Jurisdictional Differences			49. Other Jurisdictional Differences		
7. Total Noncurrent Assets (1 thru 6)			50. Total Other Liabilities and Deferred Credits (47 thru 49)		
PLANT, PROPERTY, AND EQUIPMENT			EQUITY		
8. Telecom, Plant-in-Service			51. Cap. Stock Outstanding & Subscribed		
9. Property Held for Future Use			52. Additional Paid-in-Capital		
0. Plant Under Construction			53. Treasury Stock		
1. Plant Adj., Nonop. Plant & Goodwill			54. Membership and Cap. Certificates		
2. Less Accumulated Depreciation			55. Other Capital		
3. Net Plant (18 thru 21 less 22)			56. Patronage Capital Credits		
4. TOTAL ASSETS (10+17+23)			57. Retained Earnings or Margins		
			58. Total Equity (51 thru 57)		
			59. TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY (35+46+50+58)		

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PART B: STATEMENTS OF INCOME AND RETAINED EARNINGS OR MARGINS	
ITEM	
1.	Local Network Services Revenues
2.	Network Access Services Revenues
3.	Long Distance Network Services Revenues
4.	Carrier Billing and Collection Revenues
5.	Miscellaneous Revenues
6.	Uncollectible Revenues
7.	Net Operating Revenues (1 thru 5 less 6)
8.	Plant Specific Operations Expense
9.	Plant Nonspecific Operations Expense (Excluding Depreciation & Amortization)
10.	Depreciation Expense
11.	Amortization Expense
12.	Customer Operations Expense
13.	Corporate Operations Expense
14.	Total Operating Expenses (8 thru 13)
15.	Operating Income or Margins (7 less 14)
16.	Other Operating Income and Expenses
17.	State and Local Taxes
18.	Federal Income Taxes
19.	Other Taxes
20.	Total Operating Taxes (17+18+19)
21.	Net Operating Income or Margins (15+16-20)
22.	Interest on Funded Debt
23.	Interest Expense - Capital Leases
24.	Other Interest Expense
25.	Allowance for Funds Used During Construction
26.	Total Fixed Charges (22+23+24-25)
27.	Nonoperating Net Income
28.	Extraordinary Items
29.	Jurisdictional Differences
30.	Nonregulated Net Income
31.	Total Net Income or Margins (21+27+28+29+30-26)
32.	Total Taxes Based on Income
33.	Retained Earnings or Margins Beginning-of-Year
34.	Miscellaneous Credits Year-to-Date
35.	Dividends Declared (Common)
36.	Dividends Declared (Preferred)
37.	Other Debits Year-to-Date
38.	Transfers to Patronage Capital
39.	Retained Earnings or Margins end-of-Period [(31+33+34)-(35+36+37+38)]
40.	Patronage Capital Beginning-of-Year
41.	Transfers to Patronage Capital
42.	Patronage Capital Credits Retired
43.	Patronage Capital End-of-Year (40+41-42)
44.	Annual Debt Service Payments
45.	Cash Ratio [(14+20-10-11)/7]
46.	Operating Accrual Ratio [(14+20+26)/7]
47.	TIER [(31+26)/26]
48.	DSCR [(31+26+10+11)/44]

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(B005c) Operating Report for Privately-Held Rate of Return Carriers
Cash Flow - Data Collection Form

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PART C. STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS

CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES	
1.	Beginning Cash, Cash and Equivalents plus RUS Construction Fund
2.	Net Income
Adjustments to reconcile Net Income to Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities	
3.	Add: Depreciation
4.	Add: Amortization
5.	Other (Explain)
6.	Decrease/(Increase) in Accounts Receivable
7.	Decrease/(Increase) in Materials and Inventory
8.	Decrease/(Increase) in Prepayments and Deferred Charges
9.	Decrease/(Increase) in Other Current Assets
10.	Increase/(Decrease) in Accounts Payable
11.	Increase/(Decrease) in Advance Billings & Payments
12.	Increase/(Decrease) in Other Current Liabilities
13.	Net Cash Provided/(Used) by Operations
CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES	
14.	Decrease/(Increase) in Notes Receivable
15.	Increase/(Decrease) in Notes Payable
16.	Increase/(Decrease) in Customer Deposits
17.	Net Increase/(Decrease) in Long Term Debt (Including Current Maturities)
18.	Increase/(Decrease) in Other Liabilities & Deferred Credits
19.	Increase/(Decrease) in Capital Stock, Paid-in Capital, Membership and Capital Certificates & Other Capital
20.	Less: Payment of Dividends
21.	Less: Patronage Capital Credits Retired
22.	Other (Explain)
23.	Net Cash Provided/(Used) by Financing Activities
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES	
24.	Net Capital Expenditures (Property, Plant & Equipment)
25.	Other Long-Term Investments
26.	Other Noncurrent Assets & Jurisdictional Differences
27.	Other (Explain) Salvage
28.	Net Cash Provided/(Used) by Investing Activities
29.	Net Increase/(Decrease) in Cash
30.	Ending Cash

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